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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Archon Energy 1, Inc.

Project No. 14451-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING
APPLICATIONS

On August 30, 2012, Archon Energy 1, Inc., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam Hydroelectric Project (Crocker-Huffman Project or project) to be located on the Merced River, near the town of Merced, in Merced County, California. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would be located at the existing Crocker-Huffman diversion dam and would consist of the following: (1) a 70-foot-long, 55-foot-wide, and 35-foot-high, turbine structure containing a powerhouse with 5 screw turbine generating units; (2) a gated water intake canal, located upstream of the dam; and (3) a 75-foot-wide and 150-foot-long concrete diversion trough structure. The estimated annual generation of the Crocker-Huffman Project would be 10 gigawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR § 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14451) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 11, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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